So much I love his heart: But, I perceive,
Men must learn now with pity to dispense :
For policy sits above conscience. ,
Exeunt.

Again, in Cymbeline, Act. III. Sc. IV. vol. **xiii. p. 121:**

" And mad'st me *put into contempt* the suits
" Of princely fellows," &c.

Perhaps the Stranger means to say, I would have treated my wealth as a present originally received from him, and on this occasion have returned him the half of that whole for which I supposed myself to be indebted to his bounty. Lady Macbeth has nearly the same sentiment:

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Cl To make their audit at your highness'
pleasure,
" Still to *return your own."* STEEVENS.

The difficulty of this passage arises from the word *ret urn'd.* Warburton proposes to read *attorn'd ;* but that word always relates to persons, not to things. It is the tenant that attorns, not the lands. The meaning of the passage appears to be this :— " Though I never tasted of Timon's bounty, yet I have such an esteem for his virtue, that had he applied to me, I should have considered my wealth as proceeding from his donation, and have *returned* half of it to him again." To put his wealth into donation, means, to put it down in account as a donation, to suppose it a donation. M. MASON.

I have no doubt that the latter very happy interpretation given by Mr. Steevens is the true one, * Though' (says the speaker) * I never tasted Timon's bounty in my life, I would have *supposed* my whole fortune to have been *a gift* from him/ &c. So, in the common phrase,—Put yourself [i. e. suppose yourself] in my place. The passages quoted by Mr. Steevens fully support the phrase—into *donation.*

" Returned to him" necessarily includes the idea of having *come from* him, and therefore can not mean simply—-found its •way, the interpretation first given by Mr, Steevens. MALONE.

I am dissatisfied with my former explanation ; which arose from my inattention to a sense in which our author very frequently uses the verb to *return* ; i. e. to *reply.* Thus in King Richard II,:

" Northumberland, say—thus the king *returns ;*
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Again, in Troilus and Cressida:

" *Returns* to chiding fortune:" i. e. *replies* to it. Again, in King Henry V.;

"----------The Dauphin
" *Returns* us—that his powers are not yet ready.[1]*

The sense of the passage before us therefore will be :—* The best half of my wealth should have been the *reply* I would have made to Timon: I would have *answered* his requisition with the best half of what I am worth.' STEEVENS.